

SHADOW BILLING UPDATE

Claims Submission to January 07 are now being entered by the SEAMO Central Claims Facility. It is anticipated that both the January and February claims will be entered by the end of March. Concern was expressed by members of the Governing Committee that some groups and individuals are slow in forwarding claims. SEAMO management was asked to provide to Department Heads details of those individuals whose claims are late or sporadic.

Resubmission of year-one claims is underway in collaboration with OHIP. This process is going well. To date, SEAMO has resubmitted approximately 30% of the outstanding claims with very few errors. By the end of the month, it is anticipated that approximately 75% of these stale-dated claims will be resubmitted. SEAMO staff continue to meet with the Ministry of Health representatives in a positive and productive way.

In discussion with representatives of the Ontario Medical Association and the Ministry of Health, a proposed method of calculating the equivalent of Appendix L payments has been developed. The Clinical Teachers' Association is considering this proposed method. SEAMO will require the approval of CTAQ before the method is approved.

NEGOTIATIONS

The current SEAMO funding agreement expires in approximately one year, 2008 March 01. Governors identified several threats which may face this Health Sciences Centre and which will require attention during the negotiation of a new multi-year funding agreement.

It was noted that the direction being taken by the Task Force on AHSC AFP development and its recommendations to

the Physicians' Services Committee (PSC) will rest heavily on claims submission data. Inconsistent capture of patient encounter information through claims submission will place this Centre at risk. While some clinical units are now capturing most clinical activity through shadow billing, some units are far less compliant. It was also noted that in a Centre such as Kingston, survival of the academic enterprise on a fee-for-service basis may not be supported.

Governors will now consider preparation for negotiation at each meeting. In addition, Department Heads will be asked to ensure complete capture of clinical encounters through the mandatory reporting system.

STAFFING UPDATES

Dr. Jessica Burjorjee commenced March 01 and Dr. Vidur Shyam will commence June 01 in the **Department of Anaesthesiology**. Both these positions are SEAMO funded from within the current departmental envelope.

An Adj-1 position funded by the **Department of Family Medicine** commenced on February 01.

Dr. Victor Tron will commence on April 01 as a replacement GFT in the **Department of Pathology and Molecular Medicine**.